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IT MAY BE A DARK HORSE

Parker, Gorman and Hearst are Tangled Up—an Unknown May Get the Nomination

UNINSTRUCTED IN SOUTH

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Now for the entry of the "dark horse" and the "favorite sons" for a brush in the great Democratic national campaign. The gossip agrees that Parker, Gorman and Hearst have got so badly tangled up that neither can get anywhere and the convention will have to turn to some one else.

Chairman James K. Jones of the Democratic national committee said, before he left town last Saturday, that it looked to him now as if it would be a dark horse; for the life of him, however, he could not guess the identity. He thought it would be some one who has not been discussed.

Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall is known to entertain the belief that it will be a dark horse. He blames Mr. Cleveland in that field, however, and has not given up the idea that the party may turn to Cleveland as a last resort. He has a cult of his own, now in the dark-horse paddock, in the person of Mayor McClellan.

South Expecting a Dark Horse

The southern Democrats are giving every indication of expecting the dark horse to appear. They are withholding instructions for Judge Parker so as to be free to act when the dark horse comes up. Mr. Murphy is encouraging them in that attitude and James M. Guffey, the Democratic boss of Pennsylvania, is also on that tack.

Mr. Bryan has not flushed a candidate for the office. Texas proclaims Wilson for at least four weeks, and the Democrats here are looking for him to trot out his real favorite soon. Will he wear the Hearst colors? They are asking. Can it be possible that Mr. Bryan himself, no, nobody really believes that possible. Warwick is his role, they think.

Tom Johnson Talks About Folk

Tom L. Johnson of Ohio talks about Folk of Missouri. That, perhaps, is because other Democrats in Ohio are talking about Colonel James Kilbourne of Columbus, and it would be a terrible blow to Mr. Johnson to have any Democrat in Ohio take rank over himself. There is nothing on the plain tree for Mr. Johnson, and, naturally, he does not want any one else in Ohio to get something.

Colonel Kilbourne is not an impossibility, by any means. He is known to Democrats in the central states and the southern delegates expect to have to take some northern man. Anyhow, Colonel Kilbourne is as well known to the southerners as Judge Parker. The idea of making inroads on the Republicans in Ohio is likely to prove tempting to the southerners. If the Ohio state convention should instruct for Colonel Kilbourne, he would have to be accounted for at St. Louis.

Mr. Folk of Missouri will be talked about more and more from this time on. Those Democrats who want to make a specialty in the campaign of taxing the Republicans with "graft" and corruption will find it might not be a bad idea. Mr. Folk as the exponent of that plank of their platform.

Pattison Talked About

Robert E. Pattison of Pennsylvania is being talked about. He came up over four years, but as Pennsylvania is probably the most hopeless state in the union for the Democrats, his name does not attract much attention.

In every direction the Democrats are looking for their dark horse. Meanwhile, Judge Parker's friends are quietest, taking no notice of it. They are waiting to push his campaign any harder, but to await development at St. Louis and let the sentiment develop in the convention.

They think that the Cleveland boom will be launched and that the southern delegates will become disgusted and fall back immediately into the Parker column. The Parker boom has no central head, but exists in a desultory sort of fashion in many sections. Some of the judge's best friends wish that Mr. Hill would stay away from St. Louis, for his presence and active participation will serve to alienate votes, they claim.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 21th.

THE President is busy receiving the calls of the politicians and arranging the details of the coming campaign. It is admitted on all sides that in selecting Mr. Cortelyou for Chairman of the National Republican Committee he has dexterously solved a perplexing problem. It is now assured that the campaign will be conducted on a high and straightforward basis. The President declares very emphatically that he is not taking sides in the Illinois or Wisconsin factional contest. He is keeping his hands off. He also expresses himself as quite hopeful of the result in Maryland, notwithstanding Mr. Gorman's plans to capture that state. On the 30th inst. the President will visit Gettysburg, Pa., making a speech on Memorial Day. He will ride over the field in the morning and in the evening return to Washington. As the speech is the only one of his until after election, the public is looking forward to it with uncommon interest. The British Ambassador, Sir Henry Drummond, left today for Gettysburg, the guest of acting Secretary of War, Oliver. He will inspect and study the famous battle field. He is deeply interested in the military features of the great Civil War. A welcome guest at the White House this week is Captain W. S. Cowles, the President's brother-in-law, of the unfortunate battleship Missouri. The vessel is now being repaired at Newport News. Among recent other visitors at the White House have been Elihu Root, Senator Lodge, Ex. Gov. Black of New York who is giving points for his speech at Chicago nominating the President, and Mr. Dozer, Secretary of the Republican Committee, who is arranging the list of speakers for the campaign.

The capture by bandits in Tangier, Morocco, of Mr. Perdicaris a wealthy citizen of the United States well known in this and other cities, has caused a great sensation and may lead to serious complications with the Government of Morocco, if Mr. Perdicaris is not speedily released. Already the President and the Navy Department have taken action and a fleet of American battleships is now on its way to the Mediterranean. The President is not the man to permit such an outrage to go unpunished, and vigorous action may be looked for. Some thirty years ago your correspondent had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. Perdicaris and his charming family, for he married in Europe the widow of a wealthy Englishman, who was also the mother of two very beautiful blonde daughters, one of whom bore the Arab name of Nard Alwanne. Mr. Perdicaris came to New York, and was soon the center of an admiring host of friends, for besides being a tall, graceful, polite, affable gentleman, he was an artist, a playwright, and devoted to literature. He brought from Europe a play he had written, also the scenery which he had painted, and he proposed to present both to the public. Private performances were given and the play was much admired, but for some whim or another the press and the regular managers gave it the cold shoulder. It was withdrawn; and later in the season the fair and graceful daughter, Miss Nard, eloped with a young actor named Decker, and the two speedily disappeared from society. Subsequently Mr. Perdicaris rented a beautiful villa in a suburb of Trenton, N. J. on the banks of the historic Delaware, not very far from the landing made by George Washington, when in the dark and cold, surrounded by ice floes, he crossed over and routed the Hessians. Here, surrounded by all that wealth and tastes could procure, Mr. Perdicaris and his family resided until their return to Europe. He was very hospitable, had a house full of friends, and gave elegant dinner parties. Most of his time was spent between his studio and his library. He was very popular with all who knew him and has maintained the same good will of the population of Tangier since his advent in that city. It is the irony of fate that a man kindly and philanthropic in all his dealings with his fellow men should, at the age of seventy years, be snatched from the midst of the surviving members of his family, by a band of thieves and cut-throats.

There is a geological quarrel on hand; a battle of the stones, between sandstone and granite, and it is to be referred to the President. Sec'y Shaw wants the United States public building at Cleveland, Ohio, built of sandstone, and some of the people of that city wish to have it constructed of granite. The President has been urged by Senator Dick and others, to overrule Sec'y Shaw's decision. Undoubtedly granite is the better stone for the climate of the lake side. As all the new public buildings of Cleveland are to be grouped around a spacious park they should harmonize in material, quality and color of the stone, as well as in architecture.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in this city, has issued a formal order for an investigation regarding the differential freight rates between the West and Atlantic sea board on produce intended for export. There is bitter complaint in New York city that that commercial center is not treated on the same footing with cities, especially Baltimore. It is claimed by the railroads that the differential system was inaugurated to put a stop to rate wars in other ways competition. It is asserted that twenty years ago the railway companies lost \$200,000,000 by rate wars which otherwise they might have made out of the shippers.

And now the Post Office inspectors themselves are to be inspected, and their methods brought to the light of publicity. The President has designated Asst. Atty. Robb to do this delicate job. It was surmised that possibly the chief inspector and his men have made some mistakes. The President is anxious that no injustice shall be done to any one; at the same time he purposes that no guilty man shall escape. Mr. Robb is not expected to unearth any scandals, but possibly he may discover that there has been an exercise of bad judgment.

MARYLAND'S "JIM CROW" LAW

Will go Into Effect on July 1st, When Additional Cars Will be Put on

MAKING THE PREPARATIONS

BALTIMORE, Md., May 23d.—Steamship and railroad companies are considering the changes in their business necessitated by a compliance with the provisions of the "Jim Crow" bills, which go into effect on July 1st. These laws were passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Although there are two bills—one applying to steamers and the other to steamboats—both seek to accomplish the same purpose. The bill referring to vessels is to provide "separate accommodations of white and colored passengers in the sitting, sleeping and eating apartments of all steamboats plying in the waters within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, without any difference or discrimination in the quality and convenience of accommodations."

Some Already Obey Virginia Law

Many of the steamers coming to Baltimore pass through Virginia waters, where the same law is in operation. Compliance with its provisions is carried out by assigning the colored passengers to one side of the saloon and the white passengers to the other. These vessels are freighters. The transportation of passengers, is therefore, a secondary consideration, although they are equipped with every convenience. The room is so ample that this arrangement can be made without inconveniencing any one, and as the colored passengers are sometimes in excess of the white the latter profit by the arrangement. The steamers passing through Virginia waters on their voyage to Baltimore will continue the regulations when Maryland is reached.

Other vessels with a terminus on Light street ply exclusively within Maryland waters. Most of the passengers are white and they would be inconvenienced by giving the colored people the exclusive use of one side of the saloon.

Notwithstanding the restriction declaring against any "difference or discrimination in the accommodations, the colored people can, it is thought, be assigned to a limited portion of the saloon, toward the stern of the vessel. The prow of the boat may be considered the more desirable location. This arrangement may give the colored people a chance to object on the ground of unfavorable "discrimination."

A more important law, possibly, is the one requiring "all railroad companies and corporations and all persons operating cars or coaches by steam on any railroad line or track in the state of Maryland for the transportation of passengers to provide separate cars or coaches for white and colored passengers without any difference or discrimination in the quality of or convenience or accommodation in such cars or coaches."

"Each compartment of a car or coach, divided by a good and substantial partition, with a door or place of exit from each division, shall be deemed a separate car or coach within the meaning of the act."

The provisions of the law do not "apply to through express trains that do no local business."

Both the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania Railroad Companies are making arrangements to comply with the provisions of this law. All local trains will be supplied with an additional car, into which colored passengers of both sexes will be invited by the conductor. This will necessitate some outlay on the part of the railroad companies. A question has arisen as to what constitutes a "through express train." It has been referred to the legal department of the railroad companies. Some trains stop only once between Baltimore and Washington. Others make two stops, but neither do any local freight business. Must these trains have "Jim Crow" cars?

Will Not Detach "Jim Crow" Cars

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has 4331 miles of trackage in the United States and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has 10,562. All the "Jim Crow" cars attached in Baltimore will remain a part of the various trains until they return here. It would cause too much delay to detach the extra car as soon as the train crosses the state boundary. The car would have to be reconnected when the train returns within the state limits.

On some branches of both roads the tracks lie within the state exclusively, and these lines will have their regular "Jim Crow" cars. Some of them will have partitions.

REDUCED RATES TO ATLANTIC CITY

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City, June 7th to 10th, and the session of the American Academy of Medicine at the same place, June 4th and 5th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Atlantic City from all stations on its lines west of Downingtown and Ardmore, north of Parker Ford, south of Newark and Porter, Del., and north and east of Trenton, Windsor, and Toms River, N. J., exclusive, at rate of single fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets will be sold June 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th and 6th, good returning leaving Atlantic City June 4th to 13th, inclusive. Tickets will be good to stop over at Philadelphia on going trip within limit of June 6th, and at Philadelphia and Baltimore, on return trip within final limit on deposit at stop-over point. All tickets must be deposited immediately on arrival at Morris Guards' Armory, 12 South New York Avenue, Atlantic City. Regular excursion tickets at usual rates will be sold from the points named above and from all intermediate points to Atlantic City.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

Wedding Dresses; Styles in Making; Veils; Bouquets; Graduating Costumes; Traveling Coats; Linerie Hats.

The craze for soft sheer materials which this season, prevails throughout the entire range of feminine raiment, extends also to wedding garments; not only the bridal gown which always holds a distinctive place in changing fashions, but for all the toilets prepared for the happiest of girls. Silks and satins are no longer considered indispensable, and to a June wedding gown choice is wide, and extends from chiffon or cloth through the crepes and gauzes to mull or plain net. Lace is of course the preferred garniture, and real lace, if economy is no object; but the net lace imitations of today are beautiful and moreover have received the stamp of approval from influential quarters. The Alencon, Mechlin, and Chantilly laces are reproduced in beautiful patterns and Valenciennes has unusual distinction this season.

The Style of Making

The style of making depends much on the type of the wearer, but in any case should be characterized by simplicity. The length of the train is regulated by the formality of the wedding. For a ceremonious church wedding two and a half yards from the waist line is the correct length. For an informal wedding, it may be much shorter; but the round skirt now in vogue for evening gowns is tabooed for the bridal gown. Elbow sleeves with frills are correct; and if the transparent stock is not liked by the wearer a surplice or a Dutchneck is allowable.

The Veil and Bouquet

A veil of illusion or tulle if often preferred even when expense need not be considered. Its length must accord with the length of the train. The tulle comes in three and four yard widths. Becomingness is the first consideration in adjusting the veil and it may be caught with a spray of flowers, or choux de tulle. As June is the month of roses, white roses are appropriately chosen for the bridal bouquet and the shower form is still the most popular.

Graduation Dresses

The sweet girl graduate like the bride has an extensive variety of materials to choose from this season. Organdie, batiste, mull, Swiss, plain or embroidered and linen lawn are staple fabrics always in order for the purpose, but there are other materials of fancy weave, mixtures of silk and linen, or silk and cotton, in almost endless variety which are quite suitable for a graduation gown. They should be as girlish as possible and simply ornamented with handwork, and a little lace, edging frills in bertha or shoulder drapery. It is no longer imperative that it should be an all white toilet. A bit of color may appear in the hair, at the throat, and in the girdle or sash. Pompadour ribbons serve the purpose charmingly, and also wide sash ribbons of Liberty satin or monnaline in one's favorite color.

Lingerie Hats

These appeared rather tentatively a year ago but this season have come to the front, most insistently and in great variety. The term is elastic and covers hats made of shirred net with lace as well as those made with tucked and plaited ruffles, or of embroidery. Some of them are made so that they can be easily taken off the frame and laundered. To be becoming and dainty are the chief requisites of a lingerie hat and given a white wire or featherbone frame and sufficient sheer material any woman of taste who is clever with her needle can construct one for herself.

Travelling Coats

Pongee is the favorite par excellence for Summer travelling coats. It is light, cool, sheds the dust and can be laundered if not too complicated in its style of making. Mohair is also very popular for travelling coats, especially the mixtures of white with neutral tints or the dark shades pointed with white. Covert cloths serve the double purpose of travelling and rain coats but are warmer than the other fabrics mentioned. Tourists' tweed suitings, some of which have plaid backs. The cut of travelling coats this season is graceful and becoming though with simple lines; stitching and buttons are the only trimming visible.

LUCY CARTER.

A TREE IN THE CITY

D. M. HENDERSON

In a narrow, stifling street,  
In the heart of the busy town,  
Where trade, with feverish feet,  
Goes hurrying up and down;  
Where souls to Mammon bound  
Look out through laggard eyes  
That see the stony ground,  
But never the blessed skies.

A giant poplar stands  
Amid the tangle of grim—  
And lifts to Heaven its hands,  
Rustling a thankful psalm.  
A giant, maimed and marred,  
Of half its glory shorn;  
Its sides so peeled and scarred,  
Its branches swayed and torn.

Maimed, but a giant still;  
And it may not spread  
Its great arms at its will,  
Yet Heaven is overhead.

So to the kindly sky  
It rises, strong, serene—  
And, though its stem be dry,  
Its leaves are soft and green.

And in that narrow street,  
So full of pain and strife—  
Where souls are sold for meat—  
And bread is bought with life—  
It now and then doth chance  
Some soul that best in him—  
At the walls of Circumstance,  
That hamper body and brain—  
Some life that longs to grow  
So noble and free and wide,  
And yet, as the slow years go,  
Feels straitened on every side;

Some weary man doth lean  
And look up to that tree,  
And through its mist of green  
The heaven of hope doth see—  
Doth see with glad surprise  
The sky so still and blue;  
And light is born in his eyes,  
In his heart a courage new;

And forth to his daily care  
He goes refreshed and strong,  
On his lips another prayer,  
In his heart a new, brave song.

Hath not the poplar tree  
To him its secret given?  
His life shall be large and free—  
There is naught 'twixt him and Heaven.

Nature Lends

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During the week just past we have been running a lot of Cash Specials and realizing that it is a good trade boomer, expect to keep it up.

To-day we still have some of the old ones on and have added some new ones.

Notice this list of Cash Specials for one week beginning to-day:

Best blue rock salt.....75c per 100 lb.

Proctor and Gamble's Oline soap.....4c lb.

Good laundry soap.....12 for 25c.

Best separator-made country butter.....23c lb.

Large can solid packed tomatoes.....3 for 25c

Boneless boiled ham.....18c lb.

Mother's Oats.....9c

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### LIGHT AND WATER MATTERS

THE TRANSCRIPT desires to correct an error into which our correspondent, signing himself "Countryman" unwittingly fell last week, and had the time been longer we would have suggested that he so amend his expressions as to conform to the actual conditions. The article to which he takes exception was not an authoritative report of the Light and Water Commission, nor did it purport to be. The work of preparing the statement was done entirely by our own force and, while we were given the cordial assistance of the then Secretary of the Commission, it was not intended to be a full and complete report, but merely a resume of the eleven reports that had been submitted by the Light and Water Commission to the Commissioners of the Town of Middletown, as required by law. We so stated in our editorial columns of the same issue that contained the statement. In another column will be found a complete itemized reply to "Countryman" prepared by one in authority. This will, we hope, straighten out the misunderstanding. We know that our correspondent does not want to do any one an injustice, but he evidently was not as fully conversant with the facts as he might have been after a little more study and search. We have always found it a comparatively easy matter to find out what the Light and Water Commission has done.

### A VALUABLE PUBLICATION

On June 1st the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will publish the 1904 edition of the Summer Excursions Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the best routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts of the East, and over seventeen hundred different routes or combinations of routes. The book has been compiled with the greatest care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

The cover is handsome and striking, printed in colors, and the book contains several maps, presenting the exact routes over which tickets are sold. The book is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad. On and after June 1st this very interesting book may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa., by mail twenty cents.

### CHURCH TO LOOK INTO PASTOR'S ACTS

Stewards of Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, will call a meeting as soon as Rev. C. S. Baker, pastor of the church, returns from the general conference in Los Angeles, to investigate the charges made against him for stock market dealings. It was a day or so following the exposure of the pastor's dabbling in stocks that he left for the west, and not wishing to condemn him without a hearing the matter has been left alone until his return. When he returns the question will be taken up. If he has been guilty of the charge it is said that it is more than likely that steps will be taken to remove him as pastor. To do this the trustees will have to prefer charges against Dr. Baker to the presiding elder. He in turn will appoint a committee of ministers of Wilmington to make an investigation. If the charges are unfavorable to the minister he will be removed from the pastorate by the presiding elder, who will have to fill the charge until the next annual meeting of the Wilmington Conference.

### ELWOOD'S LETTER SCORED

What the Trustees of the Poor think of the action of the Rev. R. A. Elwood in attending their meetings as a guest and denouncing them for the use of liquor was shown at the session Wednesday when a letter from him was laid upon the table without a reading.

John M. Solomon received the contract for furnishing the institution with coal for the next six months at \$3.55 a ton, delivered at the hospital.

An invitation will be extended to the Trustees of the Poor of Chester County to visit the hospital at their convenience. J. T. Fry received the contract for the work on the farm land of the institution. The report of Superintendent Blackburn was as follows: Total of 178 inmates of the almshouse, against 153 a year ago. The following deaths were reported for the past quarter: John Fowler, aged 28 years; William D. Seims, 28; Marshall Taggart, 67; Levi Bell, colored, 52; Lizzie Carpenter, colored, 42; Thomas Hanson, 45; all of Wilmington.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks to the young ladies who assisted us with our festival, and also those who attended and patronized our tables on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE of Washington Camp No. 9, P. O. S. of A.

### [Communicated.] MORE LIGHT ON THE LIGHT AND WATER COMMISSION

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—Your correspondent of last week did not have to sign himself "Countryman" to identify himself as one who does not have a sufficient knowledge of the matter under discussion to write intelligently. Answering his items serially:

1. The Statement to which he refers was not prepared by the Light and Water Commission, nor by any member thereof. It was entirely the work of the TRANSCRIPT and so stated to be in the statement itself. As a matter of fact, and every taxpayer of the town knows, or should know, the Light and Water Commission has made a report of all its work and actions to the Town Commissioners each and every year since its organization, and it has been printed with the report of the Town Commissioners in pamphlet form nearly every year. For the failure to print the Town Commissioners and not the Light and Water Commission, are responsible.

2. The reason the report was not signed is, as stated above, because it is not a report, but a mere matter of news which the TRANSCRIPT prepared and it is not usual for matter of that kind to be signed.

3. This section of "Countryman's" letter is answered above.

4. It is almost impossible to consider the fourth objection, because the writer thereof is so entirely ignorant of the real facts of the case, that he needs a course of study in the reports of the Light and Water Commission. These reports are on file in the office of the Town Commissioners and press copies of the same are preserved by the Light and Water Commission, either of which bodies would willingly let him examine the same. Each and every report shows exactly what "Countryman" says it should show and more. These reports follow in form the reports of the largest and best managed private light and water plants, and while not audited by outsiders, they are passed upon by the only body which, under the law, has the right or power so to do, the Town Commissioners of the Town of Middletown.

5. As "Countryman" states, it is plain enough now that a mistake was made in the location of the Water plant, but for this mistake the Light and Water Commission is not responsible. As to the hauling of coal, which he states amounts to 11,000 tons in eleven years, whereas a matter of fact, it does not amount to much over two-thirds of that amount, one would think that his idea was that if a spur track were run to the station, that the coal would unload itself and put itself in the coal bins. To run a spur track to the station would cost, if the bed of Lake street were used at least two thousand dollars, the interest on which at five per cent. would be \$100 annually. On a basis 1000 tons annual coal consumption, this means ten cents per ton. To this must be added the expense of unloading and putting in the bins, not to mention the fact that the Railroad Company could not build a spur that would permit of the running of a locomotive on it. Every one in town is familiar with the method which Mr. G. E. Hukill, who has the only spur in town, uses to get his cars in and out.

If it were possible to move the plant to some other location, what assurance is there that the conditions would be different at a depth sufficient to secure pure water? And it would cost many thousands of dollars to move. It is possible that it would be much cheaper to run a line of pipe to the Appoquinimink River and take water from there for a fire service, but even that would cost money and would not satisfy the demands for domestic uses.

6. "Countryman" is as badly informed in regards to the number of lights in the town as he is in reference to the rest of the matter. The Light and Water Commission has now and has had since the day the first light was connected to the plant a full and complete list of all the consumers of light and water. The recent census was taken, by the unanimous action of the Commission, merely to check up this list, in the same manner that all business men take an inventory.

7. As to the storing of coal in a vacant lot, there is absolutely no truth in it. A few hundred tons, not eight nor the half of eight, were bought last summer, because there was serious danger of a strike in the bituminous mines, and it was hauled to the station, and was under the watch of the engineers who are on duty twenty-four hours in the day. It is possible, had this coal been there during the severe winter, that some might have been stolen, but there was little or no danger from this source during the early summer and fall months. Nor is it habitually so stored, for the Commission has always in normal conditions purchased and received its coal as it was needed, two or three cars per month.

As to the question of the business-like manner in which the affairs of the town have been managed by the Light and Water Commission, that is a matter of opinion, on which there can be honest differences. No two of our successful merchants do business alike, but it is success that counts in the long run. The fact as shown by the statement recently published that the Light and Water Commission have so managed the plants as to show a profit, and at the same time furnish electric lights at less than half the rates formerly charged and less than half the rate now charged in Wilmington, and water at rates not approached by any town on this Peninsula, is the best evidence of successful, if not business-like methods.

### SAFE BLOWN OPEN

DOVER, May 20th.—A bold attempt to rob the safe of the Dover postoffice was made at an early hour this morning. The safe was badly damaged by an explosion and the robbers doubtless fearing detection, after the loud report, which was heard by residents in the vicinity of the postoffice, left their tools in their haste.

When janitor George West went to the Federal Building about 5 o'clock he found that the bars on an east window had been pried apart and an entrance effected. Upon entering the office he found the wreck left by the robbers. He notified Postmaster Allen and Post-office Inspector William J. Maxwell, of Wilmington, was telegraphed for and came to Dover on an early train. There is no clue to the robbers although it is claimed that five men were seen running

from the building shortly after the explosion.

All of the money and stamps were in the safe but had not been stolen. This afternoon an expert has been at work on the safe trying to open it. The knob of the outer door was blown off.

### ST. GEORGES

Miss Mary Roberts visited Wilmington on Monday.

Mrs. Albert Davidson spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Miss Mande Clark spent Sunday in Delaware City.

Miss Florence Jamison spent Friday in Chesapeake City, Md.

Miss Florence Cox has been visiting relatives at Townsend.

Misses Maggie and Linda Clark visited Wilmington on Tuesday.

F. G. Sutton attended a musical in Middletown on Saturday.

H. C. Taylor, of Wilmington, called on old friends here on Sunday.

George Huston and family, of Wilmington, spent Saturday here.

Andrew Celville, of Altoona, Pa., was the guest of friends here last week.

Miss Mattie Murry spent a few days last week at her home near Newark.

Edward Sparks and wife, of Middletown, spent Sunday with relatives here.

G. T. Hill and son Clyde are spending this week with relatives near Hockessin.

Richard Gray of Bolesia Manor, was the guest of friends here part of last week.

Misses Olivia Paynter and Clara Barnett visited Middletown and Odessa Monday.

Benjamin Simmons spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Kennedysville, Md.

Harry Gray, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, M. J. Gray and wife.

Mrs. Cox, of Townsend, is spending sometime with her son William near town.

Mrs. Theodore Jones and Mrs. Gray visited relatives at Whitely Creek part of last week.

Miss Katherine Swain has returned from a week's visit with her brother near Newport.

Mrs. George Swain is spending the week with relatives in Philadelphia and Camden, N. J.

Miss Harriet Carrow and Bessie Webb visited A. J. Davidson and family near town on Tuesday.

Rev. J. H. Geoghegan and family, of Girdle, are the guests of James Paynter and daughters.

Mrs. William K. Price and daughter, Miss Miriam, visited Wilmington friends the latter part of the week.

Miss Gertrude Swain, of Philadelphia, is enjoying a vacation with her parents, George Swain and wife, near town.

Dr. Chriss McCoy, of New York, is spending his vacation with his parents, Dr. J. C. McCoy and wife, near town.

Mrs. Samuel Haman and Mrs. H. C. Buckson left for Kennedysville, Md., on Friday, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pyle and grandson, of Wilmington, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Porter, near Red Lion.

The members of the choir of the Presbyterian Church are busy rehearsing for Drawyers' Day, June 5th, as they have been invited to take charge of the music on that occasion.

Don't miss the strawberry fête to be given by the W. C. T. U. in the C. C. clubhouse on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 31st and June 1st. Come help in a worthy cause.

Mrs. J. W. DeWitt spent part of this week in Philadelphia and attended the commencement exercises of the Medical College of Philadelphia on Thursday evening, her niece Miss Edna Mills Stetson, being one of the graduates.

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# The Middletown Transcript

**Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:**  
 North Bound—3.20, 7.45, 8.22 and 10.24 a. m.; 1.55, 4.17 and 5.58 p. m.  
 South Bound—12.20, 2.41, 8.19 and 11.38 a. m.; 4.43, 7.11 and 7.53 p. m.  
**Mails (Leave as Follows):**  
 Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.55 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
 Going South—8.00 a. m., 4.15 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
 For Odessa—7.50 a. m., 8.30 a. m., 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.  
 For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9.30 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 28, 1904.

## Local News.

Have you tried our Lemon Frost?  
 MONTGOMERY'S.  
 Removed to the middle room in the Opera House.  
 JONES & BRADLEY.  
 We have over \$200 in premiums to give out on checks next Wednesday.  
 Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.  
 Sweet Potato plants, May 10th, ready to set.  
 E. J. STEELE.  
 Middletown, Del.  
 Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.  
 Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day.  
 JONES & BRADLEY.  
 Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.  
 FOR SALE—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.  
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 FOR SALE—1,000 good Chestnut Posts. Apply to  
 C. P. COCHRAN, Agt.  
 Middletown, Del.  
 Large stock of Lawns, White Goods, Silk Muslin and thin goods, at  
 Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.  
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 E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Del.  
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 EGGS FOR SALE—Rhoad Island Eggs—fine vigorous stock and excellent layers.  
 C. P. COCHRAN, Agt.  
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 FOR SALE—Chestnut Fence Posts and Cord Wood. Apply to  
 N. J. WILLIAMS, Middletown, Del.  
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 Next Wednesday, June 1st, is the day to bring the check for Premiums given at this store.  
 Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.  
 After June 1st the library will be open on Tuesday evening, instead of Tuesday afternoon.  
 WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. E. J. Fahy, Stidman House, Odessa.  
 E. L. ALPER, Eye Specialist, East Main Street, Middletown. Office hours 8.30 A. M. to 9 P. M., every Saturday.  
 EGGS FOR HATCHING—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandots and Barred Rocks, 15 for \$100; 100 for \$5.00.  
 T. R. BRADSHAW, Odessa, Del.  
 Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.  
 Deviled Crabs at  
 JONES & BRADLEY.  
 FOR SALE—A 12 room house with all modern improvements. Southeast corner Green and Church Streets. Possession given March 25th, 1905. Apply to JESSIE CLAYTON, Jr., Middletown, Del.  
 Crab meat at  
 JONES & BRADLEY.  
 FOR SALE—The property of the late Marcellus Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to  
 J. R. HOFFMEYER, Middletown, Del.  
 Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending May 19th: Miss Agnes Demby, Iside Bordley, W. H. Jones.  
 Four new freight crews have been placed in service on the Delaware Railroad this week. The trains will be run as special for perishable fruit and vegetables.  
 The seventh anniversary meeting of the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs will convene in Dover in the new Opera House, June 24 and 25. Mrs. M. N. Willis and Mrs. C. J. Freeman will be delegates from the New Century Club.  
 Monday is Decoration Day—A national holiday—and our banks will be closed all day. Persons having notes or other obligations due that day will be required to attend to them to-day. It would be well to make a note of this fact, as it might save you trouble.  
 The Delaware Legislature, session of 1903, will hold a reunion at St. Louis next fall, probably in September. A committee composed of Senators Connor and Wright and Representatives Holcomb, Newton and Townsend, is making arrangements for the affair.  
 Contractor Jacob M. Foster Wednesday broke ground for the erection of a handsome residence on South Broad street for Mrs. S. M. Raggoles. The location is on the east side of Broad, immediately opposite the residence of Mr. James R. Hoffacker, and when completed will add much to the already pretty line of dwellings in that most desirable portion of our town.  
 One of our chicken raisers, who is young at the business after making the poor hen work about three weeks over-time setting, examined the eggs and found them to be hard boiled. The merchant from whom he purchased the eggs, explained by saying, "That parents in the country gave their children these eggs for school lunch, and they traded them to the merchants for candy and cakes."  
 Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son are having two large bay windows placed in the front of their building on East Main street recently vacated by The New Era, which will be a great improvement to the appearance of the building. Mr. James A. Bradley the local contractor is doing the work. Messrs. McWhorter owing to the rapid growth of their business and the constant demands of their patrons for different kinds of hardware used by our farmers, found it necessary to increase their floor space for this purpose, and this new room has been nicely fitted up, and is full to overflowing with more things than are a necessity in every home.

The greatest thing out—Lemon Frost, at  
 MONTGOMERY'S.  
 We pay Record quotations for fresh eggs. Bring them along in large or small quantities.  
 ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY.  
 There is delicious coolness at our fountain. See display ad. in another column.  
 PEARSON'S PHARMACY.  
 We have pretty Lawn Suits, White Waists and Dressing Sacks. Just what you want for this weather. All made in our factory. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.  
 We have just received a large assortment of Refrigerators and Ice Boxes. All styles and prices. Call and see our line before they are picked over.  
 J. F. McWHORTER & SON.  
 Mr. Elias N. Moore, of near Odessa, left at our office on Thursday, a sample bunch of very fine asparagus. The bunch contained ten mammoth stalks which weighed just three pounds and two ounces and was greatly admired by all who saw it. Mr. Moore gives his personal attention to the culture and care of this most profitable crop, and always receives the best prices for his asparagus, which is of the finest quality.  
 Delaware strawberries are now in the local market. For weeks those from Southern states have been enjoyed, excellent of their kind, but the local Delawarean think nothing can equal the home product. The same opinion is entertained of the Delaware peach. Our strawberries have quite as good a reputation in cities to the north of us as Philadelphia. New York, for instance, relies strongly on Delaware and Maryland fruit, and is rarely disappointed. The strawberry is a dainty and tender product. It will not bear as rough handling as some other fruits and is best enjoyed when it is fresh.  
 Mrs. Theodore V. Leonhart entertained a number of friends at her home on Railroad Avenue Wednesday evening. It was given to the ladies who so kindly assisted Mrs. Leonhart with her wedding a few weeks ago. Dinner was served shortly after nine o'clock, and it was half-past eleven when the guests left the dining-room. The menu consisted of (1) Fried oysters, tomatoes with mayonnaise dressing, hot rolls, cheese straws and coffee; (2) Chicken salad, peas, Maryland bicuit, olives and pickles; (3) Strawberries and cream; (4) Ice cream cakes and black coffee; (5) Salted nuts and chocolate peppermints. Those present were: Miss Miller, of Chestertown, Md.; Mrs. Albert L. Massey, of Dover; Mrs. Oscar G. Goodhand, of New York; Mrs. William T. Connell, Mrs. Abram Hayden, Miss Mary H. Maxwell, Miss Bernice Darling Metten, Miss Eliza Rebecca Hurn, Miss Florence Gill, Miss Katherine VanSant and Miss Eugenia Beatrice.  
 The horse of Miss Marie Lockwood became frightened while standing on North Broad street about 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning, and after running down the street as far as Main, collided with the rear wheels of the team of Mr. Lee Sparks, which was standing in front of Mr. J. B. Messick's store. The frightened animal then made a dash for the drive way leading to the Middletown Hotel, where it collided with the team of Mr. James Roe. In the carriage with Mr. Roe was his little niece, and they were both thrown heavily to the ground but fortunately escaped with only a few scratches. The horse was finally caught on Green street, when it was found the animal had been badly injured. At the time the horse made its wild flight Miss Lockwood was not in the vehicle, but was calling on a friend and left her team standing in the street. Much sympathy was expressed for the little tot who was thrown out of the carriage, and its escape from serious injury was indeed a miracle.

## CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening.  
 Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "The Work of Christian Women in Non-Christian Lands." Acts 16:1-15; Phil. 4:3; Rom. 16:1-2. Leader, Miss Sallie J. Huggins.  
 The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "What Christian Endeavor is doing in mission lands." Luke 1:49-55. Leader, Miss Viola Ennis.  
 On Sunday evening near the G. A. R., accompanied by the P. O. S. of A., will attend services in Forest Presbyterian Church, when Dr. F. H. Moore, the pastor, will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Members of Odessa and towns nearby are invited to join the local organizations. Those who can will please meet at the office of A. G. Cox, on South Broad street, at 7.30 o'clock.  
 Rev. C. T. Wyatt preaching to the Red Men last Sunday morning. Appointing and Seneca Tribes were in attendance. There were 53 members of the order present. The principal thought of the sermon was mutual burden-bearing, based upon the words "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." The sermon was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.  
 McClure's Magazine  
 A new writer appears in the June McClure's in the person of Riley H. Allen, who tells a blood-stirring Klondike story, called "For the Under Dog." It is a powerfully written tale of strong men struggling against the fiercest elements and primal passions in whom humanity and some inborn instinct of nobility finally conquer the evil they would do. Sergeant McWilliams, of the Canadian Mounted Police, and Chambers, the outlaw, "in whose desperate heart there glowed a fierce pride which made him scorn to strike the under dog," are wonderfully strong characters.

**FARMERS' ATTENTION**  
 We are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.  
 JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

## PERSONALITIES

Mrs. H. M. Jones visited friends in Seaford this week.  
 Miss Anna B. Derrickson is visiting in Norristown, Pa.  
 Miss Jeannette Schreitz was in Wilmington on Saturday.  
 Mrs. Josephine Nowland has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.  
 Mr. Everett Layton, of Wilmington, was in town Saturday evening.  
 Miss Hattie Cullen spent Sunday with Wilmington friends and relatives.  
 Miss Eugene Merideth, of Clayton, visited Mrs. E. S. Jones on Tuesday.  
 Mrs. Abram Hayden left Thursday for a two weeks' visit with Milford friends.  
 Mr. William Gray, of Milford, was the guest of friends in town Wednesday evening.  
 Mr. Howard Powell was the guest of friends and relatives in Harrington over Sunday.  
 Misses Lutta Outten and Viola Watts, of Townsend, were visitors in town Wednesday evening.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Ford and daughter, of Clayton, are visiting Dana Reese and family near town.  
 Mr. Walter Webb, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.  
 Rev. C. T. Wyatt was in Baltimore, Md., several days this week, returning home Friday evening.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Woods and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Parsons.  
 Mrs. T. S. Fouracre and son Claude returned to-day from a week's visit with relatives down the State.  
 Mrs. Harry C. Ellison and little daughter, of Wilmington, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.  
 Miss Viola McWhorter has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Philadelphia and Glasgow.  
 Mrs. Mary Clayton Price and Miss Katie Price, of Chesapeake City, Md., were guests of Mrs. Nathaniel Williams on Friday.  
 Messrs. Olivia B. Paynter and Claren Barnett, of St. George, were visitors to our town on Monday, and paid our office a pleasant call.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Woolley and Miss Anna Hayes, of Chesapeake City, Md., were entertained on Friday by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hurn on Cass street.

## MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

Middletown Camp, No. 10,298, M. W. of A., was organized last Friday evening, May 20th, in K. of P. Hall, with 26 charter members. The ceremony of institution was performed by State Deputy Albert Schurr, of Newark, N. J., assisted by District Deputy E. A. Bailey, the latter having spent the past two weeks in town securing the necessary number of applicants.  
 The following officers were elected: Consul, W. T. Shallerous; Adviser, S. E. Lewis; Banker, W. T. Connell; Clerk, G. L. Colman; Escort, Henry D. Howell; Watchman, Leon DeValinger; Sentry, Thomas Pearce; Physician, Charles A. Ritchie, M. D.; Managers, W. S. Letherbury, W. H. Boniden, Charles A. Ritchie.  
 The Modern Woodmen of America is the largest fraternal insurance society in the United States, having at the present time over 750,000 members, with 11,500 local camps or lodges. Its features are the supplying of pure protection at the lowest possible cost consistent with safety, economical management and representative government.  
 The main offices are located at Rock Island, Ill., where the society has erected a magnificent office building costing \$150,000.  
 District Deputy Bailey has appointed J. F. Deakney assistant deputy for Middletown and vicinity, and he will have charge of the work of increasing the local camp's membership. Full information in regard to same can be obtained from him or any of the above named officers.

## OBITUARY

**THOMAS JACKSON**  
 Thomas Jackson, aged 95 years, the oldest person in our town, died on Monday morning rather unexpectedly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Isaac T. Wilson, of general debility. Mr. Jackson's health had been excellent until about three weeks ago, his appetite good and his general health being exceedingly good for one so aged. He was a devout christian, and a member of Asbury Church, Smyrna, for many years, never having transferred his certificate therefrom. He was born at Sudlersville, Md., but has lived in Middletown many years, following his trade as shoemaker as long as his health and eyesight would permit. He was twice married and leaves two daughters by his first wife, Mrs. Annie Collins, of Wilmington; and Mrs. Isaac T. Wilson, of this town, and Mrs. Sarah Stevens, of Smyrna, by his second wife. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. T. Wyatt officiating, interment being in Forest Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: J. Moody Rothwell, William Brockton, William J. Barnett and Thomas E. Hurn.

**JOHN D. HURLLOCK**  
 After a short illness John D. Hurllock, one of the best known men of our town, died at his home on Lake street on Friday of last week, aged 78 years. Funeral services were held at his late residence Sunday afternoon; interment being made in Forest Cemetery.

**MRS. MYRA CLAYTON REED**  
 Mrs. Myra Clayton Reed, wife of Thomas S. Reed and daughter of the late Charles E. Clayton, died at her home in Philadelphia on Wednesday, aged 32 years. Mrs. Reed was a niece of Mr. Joshua Clayton, Jr., of this town.

Having added a fresh stock of  
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 to my meat business, I am now prepared to furnish  
 Best Cuts of Beef, 2 lb for 25c.  
 Best Country Lard, 10c per lb.  
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 Cash Paid for Butter and Eggs.  
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 Warwick, Md.

## ODESSA

Mr. Albert Posey, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with friends here.  
 Miss H. L. Gause, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Morris.  
 Harry Townsend, of Wilmington, is spending a few days with his parents.  
 Mrs. Isaac Green, Jr., and son, of Middletown, spent Monday with friends in town.  
 Miss Lucy Rhodes who is employed at Farnhurst was a visitor in town on Wednesday.  
 Mrs. India Andrews, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Nellie Long last Sunday.  
 Mrs. Joseph M. Armstrong entertained the Ladies' Aid Society on Wednesday evening.  
 Mrs. Fred Reynolds and daughter Dorothy are visiting her parents in Palmyra, N. J.  
 Dr. William Hallett, of Wilmington, visited his brother, Rev. R. L. Hallett, part of this week.  
 Mrs. Cora Lloyd, of Palmyra, N. J., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Reynolds, last Sunday.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens and son Preston are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Kumpel, in Medford, N. J.  
 Miss Mary Smith, of New Castle, was entertained this week by Misses Mary and Margaret McCoy near town.  
 Mrs. George L. Townsend, Jr., entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Cazier, of Kirkwood, on Sunday.  
 Mrs. Howard Morris has returned to her home in Chester, Pa., after spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhein.  
 Children's Day will be observed in Drawyers' Church to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock. Musical part of program will be led by special orchestra. Public is cordially invited to be present.

Owing to Children's Day services in Drawyers' Church to-morrow evening there will be no Epworth League in the Methodist Church, but services will be held in the auditorium beginning at 6.30 o'clock and lasting one hour.

In the absence of Rev. J. M. Arters to-morrow his father Rev. Joseph A. Arters of Crumpton, Md., will preach both morning and evening. In the morning, as is the custom on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day a special sermon will be preached to the G. A. R. Post, No. 14. The P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 11, have been invited to accompany them.

Sunday, June 5th, will be annual reunion day at Old Drawyers' Church. As in previous years this is always a great day, people coming from miles around to attend these historical meetings. A very interesting program is being prepared. In the morning Rev. W. V. Loderbough of Salem, N. J., will preach, in the afternoon Hon. James Pennwill of Dover, will be the speaker.

Next Monday being Memorial Day the local Post of the G. A. R., will hold memorial services in Methodist, Friends and Drawyers' Cemeteries, to which every one is cordially invited. The first service will be held at 1.30 P. M., in the Methodist Cemetery, where Rev. C. T. Wyatt of Middletown, will deliver an address. Rev. J. M. Arters will be the speaker at Drawyers. Those who have flowers to give for grave decorations will please leave them at Mr. L. V. Asprill's shop on the corner of Fifth and Main streets on Monday morning by 10 o'clock.

## CECILTON

Henry Minner is visiting friends in town.  
 T. P. Jones is visiting his family in town.  
 Mrs. John Coppage is quite ill at her home in town.  
 Miss Mamie Jones is spending sometime in Philadelphia.  
 Miss Lella Burke visited Miss Catherine Wilson last week.  
 Miss Anna Alderson was the guest of friends in town Sunday.  
 Irving Burke is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.  
 E. S. Richards, of Smyrna, visited friends in town on Tuesday.  
 F. E. Hoover is spending a few days in Wilmington, Oxford and Camden, N. J.  
 Miss Mamie Pierce is being entertained this week by Miss Mary Money, of Townsend.  
 Mr. Hugh Armour, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Rev. W. A. Dawson this week.

Miss Mary Money, of Townsend, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mamie Pierce, last week.  
 Mrs. M. E. Clayton spent Sunday last with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Freeman, of Chesapeake City.  
 Mrs. Albert Smith, of near Earleville, spent one day this week with her sister, Mrs. George Smith.  
 Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Samuel Shockley, of Townsend.  
 Miss Bessie Bonden and brother had as their guests on Sunday Misses Mary Money and Mamie Pierce and Messrs. Harry Bolton and Cornelius Davis.  
 The commencement exercises of the High School will be held in Mechanics' Hall on Monday evening. The graduates are: Misses Frances Griffith, Mary Anderson, Arrie McCoy, Edith Alderson and Ethel Duhamell.

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## TOWNSEND

Miss Daisy Wiggins is visiting in Clayton.  
 Mrs. Samuel Watts was in Middletown Monday.  
 Mrs. Antin Hart visited Wilmington, Saturday.  
 Mr. W. A. Scott was in Wilmington, Wednesday.  
 Mrs. Charles Wells spent Saturday in Middletown.  
 Mrs. John Townsend, Jr., is visiting in Washington.  
 Mr. John Maloney, of New York, visited town this week.  
 Samuel Townsend visited friends in Newark Sunday.  
 Miss Hettie Carpenter, of Odessa, was in town Saturday.  
 Mrs. Emma Finley spent a few days in Clayton this week.  
 Miss Lillian Hart spent Sunday with relatives in Middletown.  
 Mrs. Kate Ellis and son John, are visiting relatives in Philadelphia.  
 Earl Shockley is spending sometime with relatives and friends at Ellendale.  
 Miss May McCall and Miss Anna Sharpless were in Wilmington Saturday.  
 Elwood Morris, of near Golt, spent Monday with relatives and friends in town.  
 S. Raymond Walbert spent a few days this week with his parents at Chester-town.  
 Mrs. Eugene Savin, of Cecilton, visited her mother, Mrs. James Lovegrove this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hutchison, of Wilmington, visited relatives near town Sunday.  
 Miss Margaret Weldon, of near town, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Donovan.  
 William Hall and wife, of near Wilmington, are visiting Nathaniel VanHorn and wife.  
 Miss Virginia Hutchison spent a few days with Horace Vandey and wife, near Smyrna.  
 Miss Mary Garton and friend, of Millington, have been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Belle Garton.  
 Townsend seems to be the chosen ground of the colored folks for celebrating "White Monday."  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hutchison visited their daughter, Mrs. Mortimer Gibson on Kent Island, this week.  
 Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar, of Cecilton, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shockley.  
 Mrs. Maggie Lee and daughter Ethel, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. John Morris, near Smyrna.  
 Elmer Pritchard, of Philadelphia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Pritchard, a few days this week.  
 Mrs. Fisher has returned to her home in Lincoln, after spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Shockley.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daniels, of near town, entertained the Ladies Aid, of Townsend M. E. Church, on Tuesday evening.  
 Mrs. Charles Larrimore has returned to her home in Bristol, after spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watts.  
 Walter Gill, while driving a young horse last Wednesday met with a serious accident. Thinking the horse was about to turn over he tried to jump out, but became entangled in some way and fell, breaking his thigh bone just above the knee. The limb was set by Dr. Enos.

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**CURRENT PRICES**  
 MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.  
 CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLA.  
 Wheat—No. 1 \$1.04 | Corn—  
 No. 2 \$1.01 | Yellow, shelled 60  
 Timothy Seed \$2.65 | "cob" 62  
 Clover Seed 10c | Oats 54  
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 CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.  
 Eggs, per doz. 16c/18  
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 Live Chickens, per lb. 8c/11  
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## NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1903 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at  
**STIDMAN'S HOTEL, IN FORT PENN. DEL.**  
 Thursday, May 26th, 1904.  
 From 10 A. M. to 3 o'clock, P. M., and at the County Tax Collector's Office, Middletown, Del., on South Broad street, EVERY SATURDAY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1904.  
 from 9 A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M.  
 Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.  
 When remitting by check don't forget to add 5 per cent. to the face of the bill for non payment prior to Jan. 1st.  
**H. W. PHARO,**  
 Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

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 All best make of Prints, no better made, 5c per yard.  
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 Remnants of 25 and 30c Wash Dress Goods, in the lot about 200 yards, extra quality, mercerized, silk stripes, 17c per yard.

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 In crush kid, white and black silk and plain leather. All shapes, 25 and 50c.

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 Six styles of Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, 25c, less than cost of cambric alone.  
 Five styles of Ladies' Muslin Drawers, 25c.  
 At 49c, 4 styles of Ladies' Muslin Skirts, cheap at 75c.  
 Five styles of Ladies' Corset Covers, 49c, at cost of muslin and lace.  
 49c, 4 styles of Cambric Gowns, would be cheap at present price of cambric at 75c.  
 75c, 8 styles of Ladies' Cambric Gowns, at less than price of cambric and lace.  
 98c, 4 styles of Ladies' Cambric Gowns, cheap at \$1.25.  
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 \$1.98, 8 styles of Ladies' Gown and Skirts, less than cost of cambric and trimming.

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 Entrance examinations will be held at any of the following named places, on June 17th and 18th, 1904, if notice is sent to the President: Newark, Middletown, Smyrna, Dover, Milford, Georgetown, Lewes, Seaford, Laurel.  
 Examinations for entrance will be held in the College on September 13th and 14th, 1904.  
 Candidates should present themselves for examination in June, as they will then have opportunity to make up any deficiencies that may be discovered. Tuition free to all students from Delaware.  
 For any information about the College write to the President. Catalogues sent upon request.  
 GEORGE A. HART, President.



# THAT MYSTERIOUS MAJOR

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

CHAPTER III

Everly however had reckoned without her host. Later in the morning she was hurrying up stairs with a message to her aunt's maid when, as she was about to breatheless mounting the last flight, a tall figure, which she recognized at a glance as Major Brown, suddenly appeared at the top of the staircase, which he was just about to descend.

Summoning all her dignity to her aid and with her head set proudly back, Miss Luttrell had prepared to pass on quickly without deigning him more than a coldly bow, when, to her amazement, as his eyes met hers, he immediately paused before her.

I beg your pardon, Miss Luttrell, but I have found some lost property of yours. Did you not drop a handkerchief in the dining-room last evening?

It was a trifling question certainly, still it sent the color flaming into the girl's cheeks.

A handkerchief? she repeated. No—I am sure I did not!—with a decided shake of her head.

Are you quite sure, though, because I feel certain it is yours—at least, it has your initials on it? he returned, producing the article in question and holding up the corner where the crest of the Luttrells was embroidered over the initials "E. C. L." This is it. Is it not yours?

Everly looked at it astonished. It was impossible to deny the ownership.

Oh, yes—it is mine!

The admission was made with such reluctance that Major Brown was conscious of a feeling that in delivering of the handkerchief to its rightful owner he was rather under an obligation to her for deigning to accept it than that she owed anything to him.

He was therefore quite astonished at the polite but distant "Thank you" which rewarded his efforts, and stood for some minutes lost in contemplation of the slight graceful figure as it ascended the remaining stairs and retreated down a long corridor.

It is no, I am afraid, this time, he muttered half aloud. Sambo's mistress has seemed mischievous already.

Yes—undoubtedly his scheme had failed. She had not been so blind as to believe that in both cases his effort to speak to her was merely chance; and the Major realized with a sense of the keenest disappointment that, as matters stood, he was practically useless hoping to make the slightest progress towards a more intimate acquaintance.

There was nothing for it therefore but to let things take their own course for a day or two, in the meanwhile preserving such a strict silence, when chance should encounter Miss Luttrell, as to disarm her of all suspicions, and then to take to fate to throw her in some way across his path.

At any rate, he was prepared to remain an occupant of No. 40, on the second floor of the "Royal George," even if he had to remain until doomsday for that auspicious moment to arrive.

Until doomsday! Yet, when only one hot sultry afternoon, one cool dewy evening, and one sunshiny morning had passed, Major Brown was thoroughly impatient.

It was the afternoon of the second day after his decision, and he was standing at the open window of the smoking room with a most dejected expression upon his face. It seemed such a hopeless case to imagine that by keeping aloof from her in this way he was making the slightest progress towards the stage of friendship at which he was resolved sooner or later to arrive. What should he do with himself? Go for a stroll in the town? Yes; anything would be better than dawdling away his time as he had been doing all the morning. He was on the point of withdrawing from footstep beneath the window and voices in slight but decided altercation arrested his attention.

No; it is of no use—no use is not to come! I want to have a quiet afternoon under the trees, so that I can read my book without any chance of an interruption. I have just reached a most exciting point, and I am dying to see how it ends.

But how can my presence affect your peace and comfort if I promise not to speak? Surely, if I bring plenty of literature of my own in which I am equally interested, you cannot object.

Yes; but I do! I know so well what would happen. Just at the most pathetic part, when the hero and heroine were plunged in the depths of despair, you would look calmly up from one of Reuter's most matter-of-fact telegrams, to discover me with the tears streaming down my cheeks. No, Mr. Falkland—go to Saltcliffe, as you had arranged, buy a new flower for your coat, and—

But at that point the voices and footsteps ceased on the landing.

The Major shrugged his shoulders and knocked the ash somewhat impatiently off his cigar as he suddenly found himself lost in a vague mental speculation as to how far those entreaties would fail or succeed. All the same, there was a slight frown upon his forehead as he turned away from the window; and, apparently forgetting his resolution to take a walk round the town, he threw himself into a low chair, to puff away at his cigar with renewed energy.

The hour of three had struck in loud measured tones before he roused himself again; and then, as though by instinct, he returned to his post at the window just in time to catch a glimpse of Miss Luttrell and a large white poodle disappearing across the lawn in the direction of an inviting clump of trees.

So the fellow had failed, after all! Involuntarily a smile rose to the Major's face, a particularly unsympathetic smile. Poor beggar! he ejaculated.

But all thoughts of a stroll in the town had entirely forsaken him now. He also, like Miss Luttrell, had suddenly been seized with a longing for a quiet afternoon under the trees, in his case to pursue an interesting debate in the *Times*; and, with this idea in view, he immediately turned away from the window, caught up the first paper which came to his hand, and went out into the hall. Yet five minutes later, as he was sauntering leisurely across the lawn, glancing curiously from side to side, a slight feeling of guilt for the first time came over him as a gap in

the trees revealed a glimpse of a familiar white poodle.

Philistines! Because Miss Luttrell had chosen to bring her book into the garden was no reason why any of the other inmates of the "Royal George" should not feel something of the same inclination. So long as he did not take up his position under precisely the same tree, nobody could raise the slightest objection to the proceeding.

Remembering this, the Major moved slowly on his way, passing first one enticingly shady nook and then another, until he reached a high overhanging bush about twenty yards from the group of trees which Miss Luttrell had selected, where he threw himself down upon the dry burned-up grass and gave himself up to the delights of a peaceful summer afternoon.

And yet, as he took out his cigar case and, lighting a fresh cigar, glanced casually down the columns of the newspaper, it was evident that something besides the perusal of the *Times* had brought him to that secluded spot, or he would at least have exhibited some annoyance when, instead of finding himself in possession of that star of London daily literature, he discovered himself aimlessly scrutinizing the visitors list and the many advertisements which occupied at least two-thirds of the *Saltcliffe Chronicle*.

No wonder therefore that after some minutes he quietly discarded it, and, lying back on the soft green sward, tilted his hat far over his eyes and prepared to enjoy the perfect calmness of the day. It was exquisite, certainly. The weather was all that could be desired. Still it was clear that Major Brown was not entirely happy. If he had imagined that, because Miss Luttrell was sitting reading under the trees, he would be satisfied to be similarly occupied at a short distance from her, he was mistaken.

When he had accidentally discovered her programme for the afternoon, he had congratulated himself that he was in for some luck at last.

But half an hour had passed quietly; his feeling of perplexity had given place to hopelessness, and hopelessness to a general sense of lassitude, which had brought him to that stage when the sights and sounds around him had grown vague and indistinct, and before long he was travelling peacefully in the land of sleep.

Thus he was quite unconscious of the fact that a little black French poodle had discovered him and had sniffed suspiciously round him for two or three minutes, and also quite unconscious that, when that little black French poodle had disappeared, his cigar case, which had been lying on the grass at his elbow, had disappeared also.

Meanwhile Miss Luttrell, who had comfortably ensconced herself in a large bamboo chair, was deeply absorbed in the thrilling incidents of her three-volume novel. So deeply was she absorbed indeed that she had not the remotest idea that Major Brown had even crossed the lawn, or that Sambo, who had been lying on the rug at her feet, had grown tired of making little grabs of the array of guinea pigs which had been hovering round his head and had gone trotting off to pay a visit to that hapless individual.

Yet, when he returned again and settled himself in silence by her side—a silence which was perhaps ominous of coming evil from the very fact that any unusual calmness upon Sambo's part generally foreboded mischief—he bent forward and, raising her eyes from her book, asked what he was doing.

Sambo!

Horror and dismay were depicted upon her countenance, her tones were filled with the keener reproach, as she sprang up from her chair and paused in consternation at the sight which met her eyes.

There was Master Sambo literally surrounded by a mixed collection of cigar and cigarette, whilst between his paws was calmly reposing a silver-mounted Russian leather cigar case, at which he was gawping with apparently as much enjoyment as if it had been one of the most tasty bones.

Sambo, where did you get it? Oh, you had got? Whose in the world can it be? In an instant Everly had seized hold of the cigar case and dragged it away from the poodle's clutches, but, alas, not before the whole of the leather had been combed over with well-defined toothmarks, whilst one of the corners had been entirely nibbled away!

Well, Sambo, you have quite surpassed yourself this time!

Everly held up the cigar case before the culprit with a threatening air, and then gave him a couple of small pats with his hand on his two front paws.

But what was she to do about it? To whom could it belong? That was more to the point than scolding Sambo. She raised her head and looked round anxiously, but drew back as her eyes fell upon a familiar form.

Sambo, surely you have never touched anything of that man's?

Yes, as she gave a hurried glance at the initials engraved upon one side of the case, her heart sank within her. Yes—it was true. Sambo had been most underhand. And to think, of all the men in the hotel, it was Major Brown whose cigars and cigar case he should have actually chosen to devour!

Should she make her escape into the house and leave Sambo, surrounded by his admirers, to settle his own difficulties? It would certainly be the easiest thing to do; but, considering that Sambo was her own dog, and that she was responsible for his actions, would it not be rather a mean way of getting out of the mischief? She took up her book and set off with Sambo. This will be a very good test as to whether he is an educated man, mused Everly. Common people never can disguise their feelings. Anyhow, it has to be done; so come along, Sambo, and bear the brunt of his wrath! And, with an admirable assumption of indifference, as if prepared for any reception, Miss Luttrell bared herself up for the encounter and advanced slowly towards the recumbent form of the Major, who was still lying stretched at full length beneath the shade of the overhanging trees.

But, as she reached his side and was just about to begin a carefully-prepared apology, she paused, then hurriedly

drew back, for the gallant Major was still indulging in the proverbial "forty winks."

Must she wake him? No—decidedly not; it would never do to disturb his slumbers. Any annoyance that he might feel would be ten times increased if he was so summarily roused. Besides, cogitated Everly, with a sigh of relief at the thought of a respite, if he were accustomed to dropping off to sleep in that way, nobody could possibly be held accountable for what in the meanwhile might happen to his belongings. She would put the cigar case down by his side, and then—well, she might as well go into the hotel and drink of what comes to adopt next. It would not be nearly so disagreeable to confess that Sambo was the delinquent if at the same time she could provide him with another cigar case the facsimile of his own.

The new idea seemed so preferable to her first one that, as she stepped forward to place the case on the grass by his side, her heart almost ceased beating in her anxiety not to wake him. It was therefore with an expression of absolute dismay which could scarcely have been more suggestive of guilt had she been detected in the act of committing some heinous crime, that, as the Major suddenly opened his eyes, she started back, and, dropping the cigar case at her feet, stood the picture of hopeless confusion.

I—I am so dreadfully sorry! she stammered, thoroughly taken aback. I—hope I have not disturbed you. I—

Disturbed me? echoed the Major, looking perfectly mystified. Oh, dear, no—not at all! He had sprung to his feet, and raising his hat, was vainly trying to collect his scattered senses.

The fact is—I had come to ask you if you had lost anything, began Everly hesitatingly, looking round helplessly and forgetting in the too calm dignified apology which she had intended to make; because I am afraid my dog has been doing some dreadful mischief.

Really? returned the Major. It is very good of you, I am sure. But what has your dog been doing? Is it anything so very serious?

Well, yes—that is what he has done! answered Everly, with a careful glance at the cigar case, the dilapidated state of which plainly told its own tale. And now I want to know if it belongs to you, as, if so, I cannot tell how I am to apologize for Sambo's dreadful behavior. Where he discovered it, and how he came into possession of it, I have no idea, as I found it in his mouth only about a minute ago; but—

Then do not trouble, please! said Major Brown courteously. It is mine, certainly; but it does not matter in the least. What is of more importance is, has he eaten any of it?—because I should think that Russian leather is not the easiest thing in the world to digest.

No. Everly gave a dubious shake of her head. Sambo knows better than to swallow anything of the kind. He is too fond of gnawing my shoes not to have learned by experience that leather is a bad thing for his digestion.

Major Brown smiled.

Alas—that is not his first offence? He asked the question anxiously, fearing that each moment Miss Luttrell would bring the interview abruptly to a close by walking off imperiously with her head elevated as she had done on the previous morning.

Oh, dear, no! He destroys something every day; but, as a rule, he takes care not to spoil anything that does not belong to me. That is one good thing, or he would be everlasting in disgrace.

I see; he evidently considers it a sort of mark of esteem, which he reserves entirely for his mistress, was the Major's reply, made in a somewhat speculative tone, if that is the case, I must look upon myself as an honored individual since he has condescended to bestow his attention upon something of mine. Come, Sambo—let us swear eternal friendship!

Yes, Sambo—put us your paw and shake hands like a gentleman, and say you are sorry for what you have done. But please let me have that unfortunate cigar case, she added suddenly, coloring slightly, as the Major bent forward to take up the remains of that once elegant article. There will be so many different kinds, I suppose, and, if possible, Sambo would like to get you another exactly like it.

It is very kind of him, I am sure—there was a gleam of amusement in his eyes—but, all the same, I shall value this one far more than I ever could a new one of Sambo's choosing; and, if I may be allowed, I shall always keep it in remembrance of him and—here he hesitated and glanced down admiringly at the discolored pretty face before him—his mistress!

And so at last Fate had been kind to him.

As, five minutes later, the Major tucked his newspaper under his arm and took a leisurely stroll round the garden, he came to the conclusion that, even had the French poodle devoured a hundred cigar cases, he would have been perfectly compensated by that rather short interview with Miss Luttrell, of Luttrell Court.

CHAPTER IV

It is very awkward, but then it is just exactly what one might have supposed would happen. Lady Howard spoke of a strangely perturbed tone. For the past few minutes she had been occupied in reading the London paper, but the remark, which was accompanied by a faint sigh, was evidently the outcome of a previous conversation. If one has a particular antipathy for a certain individual, one may be quite sure that, as ill-luck will have it, one will be brought in contact with that very individual at every turn and corner; and it has just been so with Major Brown. During the past four or five days we must have had occasion to speak to him at least a dozen times. What with lending us his umbrella on the day we were caught in that thunder shower, helping in the search for Sambo when you lost him the other morning, and, to crown all, rescuing you almost under the hoofs of that tireless horse upon the shore yesterday, we seem to have passed our time in saying nothing but "Thank you to him. Really everything has happened as awkwardly as it could. Of course accidents are so constantly occurring, still I cannot imagine how you managed to get under the hoofs of that horse."

Well, yes—it was troublesome of me. It would have been almost better if he had killed me outright, was Evelyn's answer from the deep embrasure of the window, where she was sitting before a small

writing-table busily scribbling off several notes. But, anyhow, we were under an obligation to him for getting wet through on our account the other night, when in that pouring rain he found me a cab after the theatre. After that, we were obliged to be polite to him.

Yes—polite, of course, agreed her ladyship, twisting her rings, then, hftly round and round upon her fingers; but you have to be more than ordinary polite to a man who has saved your life.

Yes—that is it, said Evelyn languidly.

It is very annoying—the whole affair has been so unfortunate, proceeded Lady Howard with emphasis. If it were absolutely necessary that you should be rescued by somebody, all well and good; but there is not another person in the hotel whom I would not have chosen to undertake the task in preference to that man.

Everly received the information in silence. Leaning her elbows on the edge of the table, she let her chin sink slowly into her two palms and gazed out reflectively through the open window.

Still there is nothing really against him, she suggested at length, with slight though perceptible diffidence. He—he is a very nice sort of fellow. The only objection is that nobody knows who he is, and that his name is "Brown"—plain common "Brown"—without even an "E" to add a little elegance to it. And of course one generally considers that an officer is a general gentleman.

An officer? Nonsense, child! Because he calls himself "Major Brown" do you think that is any criterion of his position in society? Lady Howard spoke quite disdainfully. He may be an officer, certainly—he has the appearance of a soldier—but it is far more likely, since nobody can discover what regiment he is in—and there is no such name in the retired Army list—that he is merely a major of Volunteers in an obscure country town, following a vulgar but honest trade as soap-boiler or sugar-refiner.

He may be, of course. Pigs, I believe may fly, returned Evelyn, nibbling the end of her pen with a perfectly unconcerned expression. But there is nothing suggestive of either soap or sugar about Major Brown.

No—I do not say that there is; but I dislike making promissory acquaintances. Mr. Falkland was talking about him only this morning, and he seems thoroughly to understand my feelings upon the subject.

Yet a month ago Mr. Falkland was quite as promissory an acquaintance himself. It was only by chance we got to know him; and in his case he had not even done anything for which we were under any obligation to him, was Evelyn's prompt reply.

My dear child, what are you talking about? Lady Howard's tones were slightly impatient. Mr. Falkland's gas quite a different case. We made his acquaintance by chance; but I should have been just as reluctant to have had anything to say to him as I am about this other man if we had not discovered in him an old friend of my husband and your father. At the same time, I must say I never met anybody before in whom I could place such complete confidence. He is so different from the general run of young men, who can talk of nothing but their shooting, their horses, and their dogs.

Oh, yes—he is very nice, of course;—Miss Luttrell paused for a moment—but he is not exactly a young man!

Possibly not. The touch of impatience in her ladyship's tones was superseded by one of distinct annoyance. Neither, she added, is this mysterious individual with whom you have struck up such a warm friendship. I should imagine there are only a very few years' difference in their ages.

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STATIONS	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.30	3.00	3.30	4.00	4.30	5.00	5.30	6.00	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30
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